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- (A) when the costs of providing the Verizon Virginia Terms to Lightwave are greater than the costs of providing them to [foreign CLEC];
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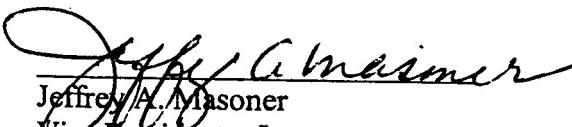
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SIGNATURE PAGE

Please arrange for a duly authorized representative of Lightwave to sign this letter in the space provided below and return it to Verizon.

Sincerely,

VERIZON MARYLAND INC.


Jeffrey A. Masoner

Vice President – Interconnection Services Policy & Planning

Reviewed and countersigned as to points A, B, C, and D of paragraph 1:

LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC


By Mark J. Prugh, Jr.

Title CSC

Attachment

c: Liz Hickey – Verizon (w/out attachments)

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August 28, 2003

HAND DELIVERY

Sanford M. Speight, Esquire
Acting Secretary
Public Service Commission
of the District of Columbia
1333 H Street NW
Second Floor, West Tower
Washington, DC 20005

**Re: Interconnection Agreement Between Verizon Washington, DC Inc. and
Lightwave Communications, LLC**

Dear Mr. Speight:

Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon DC") submits for filing the attached interstate adoption dated July 30, 2003 by Lightwave Communications, LLC ("Lightwave") of the Interconnection Agreement between Lightwave and Verizon South Inc. f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon Virginia") entered into pursuant to the Memorandum Opinion and Order of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in CC Docket No. 98-184, at ¶ 305 and Appendix D ¶32 (rel. June 16, 2000)¹. A copy of the underlying Agreement is also attached. The Verizon Virginia Interconnection Agreement was approved in accordance with § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") by the Virginia State corporation Commission on November 8, 2002 in Docket No. 2002-00195.

Lightwave is certified to provide telecommunications services in the District of Columbia and its contact is:

Mark Ricigliano, Chief Executive Officer
14504 Greenview Drive, Suite 302
Laurel, Maryland 20708
Phone: 301-953-9031
Fax: 301-953-2454

¹ This agreement with Lightwave LLC is separate from the agreement approved on March 10, 2003 in Formal Case No. TIA 02-29 with Lightwave Inc. Lightwave LLC and Lightwave Inc. are two separate legal entities.

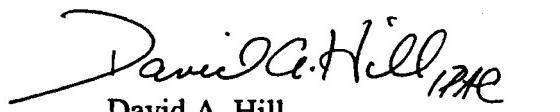
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As advised in the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia's Order No. 11326, dated February 3, 1999, this letter also provides notice to all parties appearing on the service lists for Formal Case No. 956, Formal Case No. 967, Telephone Interconnection Agreements ("TIA") 99, TIA 00, TIA 01, TIA 02, and TIA 03. For any party on the attached service lists that would like a copy of this filing, please call Angela Bushnell on 202-434-9121.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully submitted,



David A. Hill
Vice President & General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Mark Ricigliano, Lightwave
Elizabeth A. Noël, Esquire, People's Counsel
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July 23, 2003

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Re: Requested Adoption Under the FCC Merger Conditions

Dear Mr. Ricigliano:

Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon"), a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 1710 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, has received your letter stating that, pursuant to paragraph 31(a) of the BA/GTE Merger Conditions ("Merger Conditions"), released by the FCC on June 16, 2000 in CC Docket No. 98-184, Lightwave Communications, LLC ("Lightwave"), a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation with its principal place of business at 14504 Greeview Drive, Suite 302, Laurel, Maryland 20708, wishes to provide services to customers in Verizon's service territory in the District of Columbia by adopting the voluntarily negotiated terms of the Interconnection Agreement between Lightwave Communications LLC("Lightwave") and Verizon South Inc. f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon Virginia") that was approved by the Virginia State Corporation Commission as an effective agreement in the Commonwealth of Virginia , as such agreement exists on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law (the "Verizon Virginia Terms").

I understand that Lightwave has a copy of the Verizon Virginia Terms which, in any case, are attached hereto as Appendix 1. Please note the following with respect to Lightwave's adoption of the Verizon Virginia Terms.

1. By Lightwave's countersignature on this letter, Lightwave hereby represents and agrees to the following four points:

- (A) Lightwave agrees to be bound by and adopts in the service territory of Verizon, the Verizon Virginia Terms, as they are in effect on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law, and in applying the Verizon Virginia Terms, agrees that references to Lightwave Communications, LLC and Lightwave in the Verizon Virginia Terms shall apply for this adoption as well as for the underlying agreement.
- (B) Notice to Lightwave and Verizon as may be required or permitted under the Verizon Virginia Terms shall be provided as follows:

To Lightwave:

Attention: Mark Ricigliano
Chief Executive Officer
14504 Greeview Drive, Suite 302
Laurel, Maryland 20708
Telephone Number: (301) 953-9031
Facsimile Number: (301) 953-2454
Internet Address: mricigliano@lightwavecomm.net

To Verizon:

Director-Contract Performance & Administration
Verizon Wholesale Markets
600 Hidden Ridge, HQEWMNOTICES.
Irving, TX 75038
Telephone Number: 972/718-5988
Facsimile Number: 972/719-1519
Internet Address: wmnnotices@verizon.com

with a copy to:

Vice President and Associate General Counsel
Verizon Wholesale Markets
1515 North Court House Road, Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22201
Facsimile: 703/351-3664

- (C) Lightwave represents and warrants that it is a certified provider of local telecommunications service in the District of Columbia, and that its adoption of the Verizon Virginia Terms will only cover services in the service territory of Verizon in the District of Columbia.
- (D) In the event an interconnection agreement between Verizon and Lightwave is currently in effect in the District of Columbia (the "Original ICA"), this adoption shall be an amendment and restatement of the operating terms and conditions of the Original ICA, and shall replace in their entirety the terms of the Original ICA. This adoption is not intended

to be, nor shall it be construed to create, a novation or accord and satisfaction with respect to the Original ICA. Any outstanding payment obligations of the parties that were incurred but not fully performed under the Original ICA shall constitute payment obligations of the parties under this adoption.

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3. As the Verizon Virginia Terms are being adopted by Lightwave pursuant to the Merger Conditions, Verizon does not provide the Verizon Virginia Terms to Lightwave as either a voluntary or negotiated agreement. The filing and performance by Verizon of the Verizon Virginia Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by Verizon of any position as to the Verizon Virginia Terms or a portion thereof. Nor does it constitute a waiver by Verizon of any rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Verizon Virginia Terms, or to seek review of any provisions included in these Verizon Virginia Terms as a result of Lightwave's election pursuant to the Merger Conditions.
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¹ Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matters of: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 99-68 (rel. April 27, 2001) ("*FCC Remand Order*") ¶44, remanded, *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. May 3, 2002). Although the D.C. Circuit remanded the *FCC Remand Order* to permit the FCC to clarify its reasoning, it left the order in place as governing federal law. See *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218, slip op. at 5 (D.C. Cir. May 3, 2002).

² For your convenience, an industry letter distributed by Verizon explaining its plans to implement the *FCC Internet Order* can be viewed at Verizon's Customer Support Website at URL www.verizon.com/wise (select Verizon East Customer Support, Business Resources, Customer Documentation, Resources, Industry Letters, CLEC, May 21, 2001 Order on Remand).

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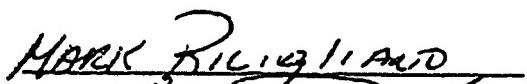
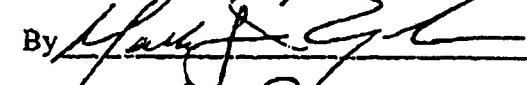


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LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS LLC


By 
Title 

Attachment

c: Liz Hickey – Verizon (w/out attachments)